

June 3-5, 2003  
The Sheraton Columbia Hotel  
Columbia, SC, USA

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE



# ERTEC

environmental restoration  
technology end-user conference

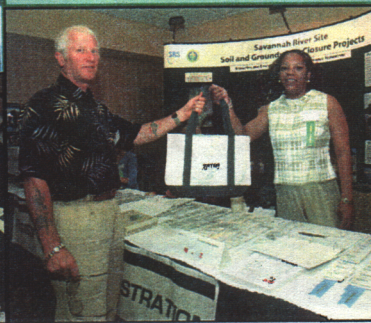


WORKSHOPS AND PANELS SHARING IN-DEPTH  
EXPERIENCES WITH ACTIVE, NATURAL AND  
PASSIVE SYSTEMS



*“ERTEC allows federal representatives, technology developers and regulators to network and share experiences to everyone’s benefit.”*

-Hap Thron,  
DOE-HQ Program Manager





## ERTEC '03: SHARING VALUABLE EXPERIENCES USING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

The fifth Environmental Restoration Technology End User Conference – (ERTEC) was held June 3-5, in Columbia, SC at the Sheraton Columbia Convention Center.

The conference, which is sponsored by the United States Department of Energy (USDOE), Savannah River Operations Office, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV, and the Department of Defense (DOD), creates an opportunity for environmental professionals to share successes and complexities regarding innovative technologies and draws over 200 participants representing a broad spectrum of private sector, state and federal environmental agencies as well as academia.

ERTEC '03 continued in the tradition with nearly 200 participants in attendance representing various private companies, state, and federal environmental agencies and academia from 24 states and Canada.

The trademark of the conference is the opportunity for regulators to meet with technical personnel to see first hand, state of the art environmental cleanup technology.

"This year we hosted 34 people specifically from regulatory agencies representing eight states," said Dean Hoffman, Soil and Groundwater Closure Projects (SGCP) Project Development Manager.

Bringing federal regulators and technical personnel together helps to accelerate the cleanup program at sites like SRS and enables the sharing of regulatory approaches and perspectives.

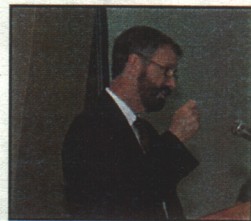
"ERTEC brings together a lot of people from various areas. There is a good mixture of DOE, regulators, and technical personnel from SRS as well as other locations all sharing valuable information," said Michael Sabbe, SGCP Area Project Manager.

Conference participants shared accelerated cleanup approaches, technical innovations, and environmental technologies such as passive and natural remediation which have emerged from past conferences.

### PROMINENT GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

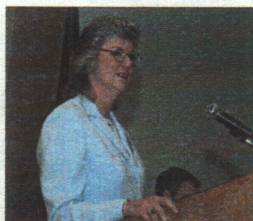
"When we put technical representatives in the same room with federal regulators...we can accomplish things."

*-Lewis Shaw,  
Deputy Commissioner  
South Carolina Department of  
Health &  
Environmental Control)*



"At this conference, we have a unique opportunity to share our experience with technology, but also to share regulatory approaches and perspectives."

*-Alice Doswell,  
DOE-SR, DOE Acting Asst.  
Manager, Environment,  
Science & Technology*

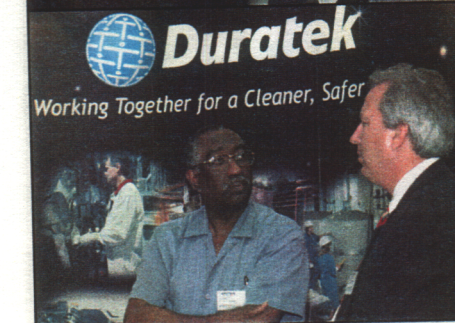
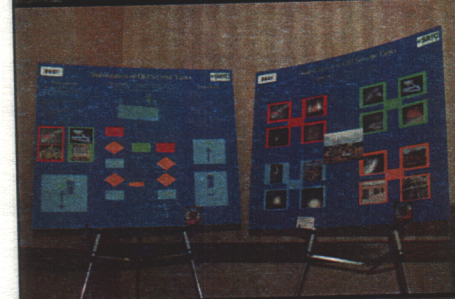
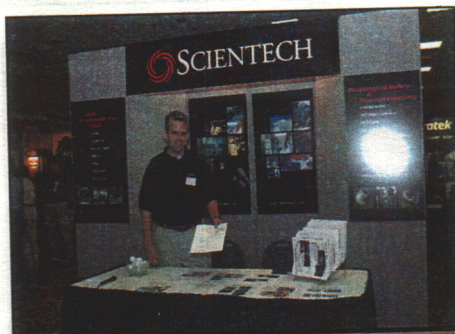


In his presentation "Environmental Restoration Technology on the Ground" *Mike Sabbe*, Area Project Manager, Soil & Groundwater Closure Projects, stressed the importance of networking in order to optimize the utilization of science and technologies at multiple DOE sites.





## EXHIBITS HIGHLIGHTING ER TECHNOLOGIES: FOCAL POINT OF CONFERENCE



There were over 40 professional exhibitors and poster sessions represented at ERTEC '03 ranging from the private sector to state, and federal agencies and academia.

Though it was his first appearance at an ERTEC, Isaac Diggs, with Duratek was impressed with the turnout at ERTEC '03.

"I was very impressed with the displays and the exhibits. There is a really good cross section of different companies and technologies represented."

"This conference has managed to pull not only federal agency representatives but also a broad base of technologies as well as waste treatment technologies together under one roof, which enables everyone from stakeholders to regulators to technical reps to get dialog going."

Exhibits highlighting various new technologies such as phytoremediation, in situ passive permeable technologies and monitored natural attenuation were showcased in addition to many informative posters displayed.

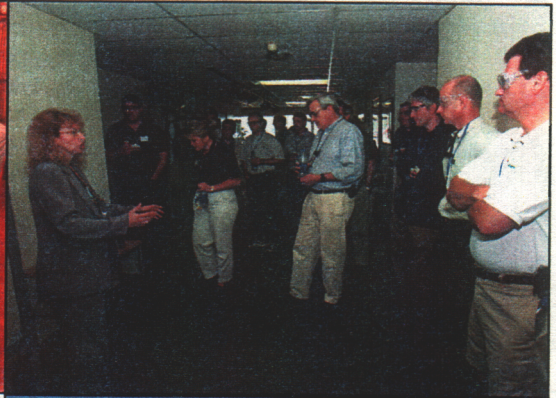
Kevin Taylor with Sciencetech enjoyed perusing the exhibits also, but for an entirely different reason.

"You can learn a lot about the competition, what they're doing, how your market is changing. I have made a lot of positive connections here."





## ERTEC '03 TOUR: ATTENDEES SEE FIRST HAND NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN USE



After two days of informative workshops, panels and presentations, the conference concluded with a tour of SRS sites, including A&M Groundwater Plume, Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground, H-Area Tank Farm, and the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF).

Conference attendees were excited to have an opportunity to see first hand the innovative technologies that are in use at Savannah River Site.

While the tour attendees seemed to find the entire tour informative, the visit to the DWPF was by far the highlight of the tour.

"Attendees were very impressed with the robotics, science and technology involved in the operations of the facility," said Ron Beul, SGCP Senior Program Planner.

